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SUBJECT: CYPRUS: U.S. ROLE IN INTERCOMMUNAL TALKS

REF: ANKARA 4874

1. PROBLEM OF CONTINUATION OF INTERCOMMUNAL TALKS PROBABLY SEEMS MORE SERIOUS AND IMMEDIATE ELSEWHERE THAN IT DOES HERE. PRINCIPALS HAVE STAKED OUT THEIR POSITIONS, PROVEN THEIR MASCULINITY, AND APPEAR QUITE READY TO LET THE TALKS SPUTTER ALONG FITFULLY INTO THE AUTUMN, WHILE THE NEW UN REP GETS READ IN. (NICOSIA 1114 AND 1167).

2. IF EXTERNAL TENSIONS (GREEK/TURKISH CONTROVERSY; ATHENS/NICOSIA CONFRONTATION) DO NOT GET OUT OF HAND, WE SUSPECT TALKS CAN BE KEPT LINGERING ALONG ALMOST INDEFINITELY WITH OCCASIONAL NUDGES FROM INTERESTED BIG POWERS AND UNSYG, DESPITE CLERIDES' PROFESSED DISTASTE FOR THEM. AS TO WHETHER WE WOULD SPIN THIS PROCESS INTO THE INDEFINITE FUTURE, WE SUSPECT THE ANSWER IS: PROBABLY SO. IT IS THE LEAST UNATTRACTIVE ALTERNATIVE, ALTHOUGH IT LOOKS UNPROMISING AS A WAY OF FINDING A REAL SOLUTION.

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3. ANKARA'S PROPOSAL PARA 3 REFTEL SHOULD OF COURSE BE CONSIDERED WHEN WE HAVE OUR NEXT INTERCOMMUNAL TALKS CRISIS, PERHAPS TOWARD THE END OF THE YEAR. MCFARLAND'S PROPOSAL IS IMAGINATIVE, MAY SOMEDAY BE WORTH CONSIDERING IF ONLY TO SHAKE UP THE PARTICIPANTS. ONE THING IS PRETTY CERTAIN: GOCYPRUS WOULD FIGHT SUCH A PROPOSAL TOOTH AND NAIL BECAUSE IT DOES NOT WANT TO LOSE CONTROL OVER FUTURE CONSTITUTIONAL ARRANGEMENTS TO OUTSIDE POWERS, AS HAPPENED IN 1959. DENKTASH WOULD PROBABLY RESIST DESPITE THE CHARMS OF FORCING MAKARIOS TO SIT AT THE SAME TABLE, BECAUSE SUCH A CONFERENCE WOULD LIMIT HIS ROOM FOR MANEUVER. ALSO, DENKTASH (AND PROBABLY GOCYPRUS) CERTAIN TO OPPOSE SIGNING ANY PARTIAL AGREEMENT. DENKTASH HAS EMPHASIZED REPEATEDLY THAT HE CONCEIVES OF NEGOTIATIONS AS "PACKAGE DEAL." IN HIS VIEW, POINTS AGREED THUS FAR FAVOR GREEK SIDE. SIGNING AGREEMENT ON THESE WOULD REDUCE PRESSURE ON GREEK CYPRIOTS TO MAKE CONCESSIONS ON ISSUES DENKTASH FEELS VITAL (LOCAL AUTONOMY).
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